

CONCORDIA COUNCIL ON STUDENT LIFE

Minutes of a Meeting held in Room AD-128, Loyola Campus, at 4:00 p.m. on Monday 18 April 1983.

PRESENT: Dr. R. Breen, Chairman; Mr. B. Counihan; Mr. D. Danson; Dr. E. Enos; Mr. N. Friedman; Rev. R. Gaudet; Ms. G. Hirsh; Ms. M. Lashley; Mr. A. Rochette; Mr. A. Sproule; Dr. R. Swedburg; Dr. M. Taylor; Rev. M. Terho; Mr. D. Boisvert, Recorder.

ABSENT: Ms. J. Bird; Ms. J. Freed; Mr. P. Gott; Mr. J. Medrzycki

Chairman's Remarks

83-2-1 Dr. Breen postponed his remarks until other points on the agenda were discussed.

Approval of the Agenda

83-2-2 Mr. Sproule MOVED and Rev. Gaudet SECONDED that the agenda for Council's present meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of 26 January 1983

83-2-3 Ms. Hirsh MOVED and Dr. Enos SECONDED that the minutes of the meeting of 26 January 1983 be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

83-2-3-1 Dr. Breen reported on the follow-up to point 83-1-8-1 of the minutes. Assistant Vice-Rector J.-P. Pétolas has made it clear that no options to the use of Birks Hall by the Bookstore and Registrar's Services at certain periods of the academic year can be found until the University embarks on its proposed building programme. The University has no real leeway at the present time with reference to space arrangements.

Business arising from the Minutes

83-2-4 A) Student Services Audit (CCSL 83-2-D1)

This was for the information of Council. Dr. Breen stated that a meeting of the Student Services Directors and the Treasurer had been held to discuss implementation of relevant recommendations in the audit. As will be noted, not all the recommendations made by the auditors are appropriate to the University's internal functioning.

83-2-4-1 B) Report of the Priorities & Finance Committee (CCSL 83-2-D2)

Mr. Boisvert spoke to the three recommendations contained in the Committee's report.

83-2-4-1-1 i) Student Life Awards

There was considerable discussion on the proposal to allocate a cash award of \$100. to each of the recipients of this year's Awards. Several members of Council stated that, in their estimation, this was no more than a token gesture. Other members underscored the fact that such a cash award was a more tangible way of recognizing the contributions of the recipients.

Mr. Counihan MOVED and Rev. Terho SECONDED the following motion: That a cash award of \$100. accompany each certificate for this year's winners of the Student Life Awards, which monies are to come from the Student Services cumulative surplus; All winners would be eligible to receive the cash award; This aspect of the Awards will be reviewed annually. VOTE: 7 in favour; 2 opposed; 3 abstentions. MOTION CARRIED.

83-2-4-1-2 ii) Health Services - SGW Campus

Mr. Counihan MOVED and Rev. Gaudet SECONDED that \$1,925. be approved for the purchase of basic medical equipment for the Health Centre, SGW Campus, which monies are to come from the Student Services cumulative surplus. MOTION CARRIED.

83-2-4-1-3 iii) Refurbishing of Lounge H-651

Ms. Hirsh MOVED and Rev. Guadet SECONDED that monies of up to \$6,000. be approved for the purchase of appropriate furniture for Lounge H-651, which monies are to come from the Student Services cumulative surplus. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Friedman stated that what is needed in the Lounge is not so much lounge furniture per se, but appropriate furniture for study purposes. The special committee set up to purchase the furniture will certainly consider this suggestion.

Request from Athletics for Contingency Funds (CCSL 83-2-D4)

83-2-5 Mr. Boisvert stated that the request from Athletics for funds amounting to \$39,707.50 to cover playoff expenditures was discussed at the Priorities & Finance Committee, but it was agreed to refer the matter directly to Council.

83-2-5-1 It was noted that, traditionally, playoff expenditures are covered from a special fund -- in recent years, the Student Services surplus. Dr. Enos mentioned that the University was lucky this year in that so many of its teams made it to playoffs.

83-2-5-2 Considerable discussion ensued as to the large amount requested, and the issue was discussed again in the context of the Student Services Provisional Operating Budget, Fiscal 1983/84.

83-2-5-3 Dr. Enos MOVED and Mr. Rochette SECONDED that \$39,707.50 be approved for the Department of Physical Education & Athletics to cover expenditures related to 1982/83 playoff activities, which monies are to come from the Student Services cumulative surplus. MOTION CARRIED.

Student Services Provisional Operating Budget, Fiscal 1983/84
(CCSL 83-2-D3)

- 83-2-6 Mr. Boisvert outlined the contents of the budget as proposed by the Priorities & Finance Committee. Two fundamental points are worth noting: a deficit of \$74,777. is projected; and the Student Services fee will not be increased for 1983/84.
- 83-2-6-1 Dr. Breen reminded Council that the Student Services fee now stands at \$2.60 per credit for undergraduate students, and at \$1.73 per credit for graduate students. The University receives \$58.39 per student as the Student Services grant from the Québec Government. A surplus in the amount of \$475,000. is projected at the end of the current fiscal year. The current fee structure was introduced in 1979/80, and is entering its fifth year.
- 83-2-6-2 With reference to the new user fee to be introduced for free-time activities, Mr. Boisvert clarified the matter by stating that this was to be on a one-year trial basis, and the amount was to be reduced if a student had already paid an intramural user fee.
- 83-2-6-3 On a question concerning the request that participants in inter-collegiate sports be encouraged to volunteer their time and services to the maintenance of the Athletic Department's current programme offerings, Mr. Boisvert stated that such volunteer activities were not meant to replace paid work in the Department. Varsity athletes should be encouraged to volunteer time above and beyond paid work, if possible. Dr. Enos stated that failure to implement this suggestion would not have an adverse effect on the hours of operation of the Athletics Complex.
- 83-2-6-4 Contingency funds for Athletics: Dr. Taylor stressed the importance of clearing up the matter of future contingency funds for Athletics, as there will undoubtedly be an increase in playoff expenditures next year. Would it be appropriate to impose a ceiling on such requests, or can something be done in terms of "matching dollars" from the University? It was suggested that the Priorities & Finance Committee be charged with estimating what percentage of the surplus can be committed realistically to playoff expenditures.
- 83-2-6-5 Dr. Enos mentioned that the University receives excellent publicity from its teams participating in playoffs, and that perhaps alternate means should be found for financial support (alumni, etc.). Dr. Breen warned that the University is in a deficit position, and that it would be unrealistic to expect additional financial support from internal University sources.
- 83-2-6-6 Dr. Taylor underscored the fact that the basic issue is the priority of intercollegiate teams in the context of the overall Student Services budget. It was pointed out that the Priorities & Finance Committee will undertake a review of the priorities of all three areas, in terms of their expenditures.

- 83-2-6-7 Council mandated the Priorities & Finance Committee to review the whole matter of playoff expenditures, and to prepare an appropriate report. One particular suggestion made by Dr. Enos was that monies from alumni be earmarked for Student Services/Athletics activities.
- 83-2-6-8 Ms. Hirsh MOVED and Dr. Enos SECONDED that Council accept the Student Services Provisional Operating Budget, Fiscal 1983/84, presented by the Priorities & Finance Committee, and recommend that it be forwarded to the Board of Governors for its review and approval. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 83-2-6-9 Dr. Breen thanked the members of the Committee for their diligent work in the preparation of the budget.

Reports from Directors

- 83-2-7 Mr. Counihan thanked the members of the sub-committee on the Student Life Awards for their work, and noted that two members of Council had received awards, Rev. Gaudet and Ms. Hirsh. Dr. Breen expressed his regrets that he was unable to attend the Awards Night, and congratulated all the winners.
- 83-2-7-1 Mr. Sproule had nothing special to report from the Guidance area.
- 83-2-7-2 Dr. Enos reported briefly on the summer programmes, at no cost, offered by Athletics.

New Business

- 83-2-8 A) It was agreed that a special sub-committee be established to oversee the purchasing of furniture for Lounge H-651, consisting of the following: Mr. B. Counihan (Chairman); Ms. M. Lashley; and a volunteer student from the Music area.
- 83-2-8-1 B) At the request of Ms. Lashley, Mr. Sproule will set up a meeting with Ms. C. Brown of the Canada Employment Centre concerning CEC services to mature students.

Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

- 83-2-9 The next meeting of Council will be at the call of the Chair.
- MEETING ADJOURNED.